

# EGG HARBOR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## JUNE 2017

Dear EHYC Member,

We were so pleased to see so many members at both our June 4, 2017 Spring Luncheon at the Gordon Lodge Boat House, as well as, our first Saturday Dockside Gathering on June 10th. All those able to attend these events enjoyed two absolutely beautiful, sunny afternoons catching up with friends and meeting new members. Thanks go out to Jackie Ritchie, Diane Smith, and Marty Moravec for their work on the Spring Luncheon, and to Marty & John Moravec and Coleen & Ken Ulrich, for hosting Saturday's gathering.

Why not mark your calendars for our upcoming summer events?

- Dockside Saturday Gatherings (4 PM at the Marina): June 24, July 8, 22, and August 5, 19
- Saturday Sail Races (9 AM): 6/17, 6/24, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19 & 8/26
- Make a Difference Adventure day in memory of Melissa Ann Protz (11 – 4) - Harbor View Park: Sunday, July 16th
- Fourth of July Family Race and Annual Member Picnic (Race at 10 AM; picnic following): Saturday, July 1
- Women at the Helm Race: August 5, 2:00 PM; Skippers' meeting at 1:00 PM
- Labor Day Family Race and Picnic (Race at 10 AM; picnic following): Sunday, September 3
- Fall Dinner and Annual Member Meeting: September 8 or 9 TBD

OUR NEXT SATURDAY DOCKSIDE GATHERING WILL BE AT 4 PM ON JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> – hosted by Pam & Mike Plamann and Cheryl and Pete Tedlie – the theme is 'HAWAIIAN LUAU' – See you there!



## Spring Luncheon Invocation

by member and Past President, Jack Whittemore

Our Heavenly Father:

An observer watching our races in the 70s and 80s would be appalled at the fierce competition and hostility. Each racer either needed a law degree or similar legal expertise just to get through all the post-race trials and disputes. OK – a fact checker would rate this as only partially true. But the prosperity and healthy environment of our club today did not happen by accident. It has been earned by hard working men and women steeped in ethics and a dream. It has come about through team effort. Once in a while we are blessed with an outstanding quarterback and leader playing on that team. We have one here today who is not an NFL player. But Karl Klug is an MVP in sailing and leadership. He can't run a 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds now on a football field and maybe couldn't even last year, but in the fields of ethics, the environment, friendship, and organization; he has blinding speed. All of us who share the dream of a welcoming club with lasting friendships are made a little better by Karl's dedication and example. His long-time coach, a Maine hiker, mountain climber, wool spinner, every good thing Maine has to offer, Lucy, is, as we all know the reason for it all. We thank you for all the members of our board, our teammates. The NFL probably hasn't scouted the Klug family either in Wisconsin or Maine, but in this case they missed something. They missed winners. We thank you, oh Lord, for such men, and women who lead the way through humility and a caring for others. After all, that is your commandment.

Amen

## COMMODORE'S CORNER



Dear EHYC Members,

As I looked at our very picturesque harbor, I marvel at what a beautiful setting we are blessed to enjoy. Many of our members' boats are in their slips and the sailboat racing season began June 10<sup>th</sup> only to be cancelled due to high predicted winds. Later that day we had our first "Dockside" gathering. We are now at the time of year that we have looked forward to all winter long, warm weather, sunny days, and the smiling faces of our returning friends.

Many members of our Yacht Club have worked hard to schedule events throughout this boating and summer season. The board hopes you will attend as many as your schedule will allow.

Coleen and I look forward to seeing you on the water, as well as, at our numerous events during this 2017 season in Door County.

See you soon,  
Ken

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jack Kenneth Gray**, 70, of Horseshoe Bay, TX, and Egg Harbor, WI, died March 20, 2017 in Austin, TX.

He was born July 29, 1946 in Amite, LA to Norma Lanier Gray Davis and Henry W. Gray. Jack was a graduate of Amite High School, Southeastern Louisiana College, Nichols State University, and Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He was a practicing attorney in Bellaire, TX.

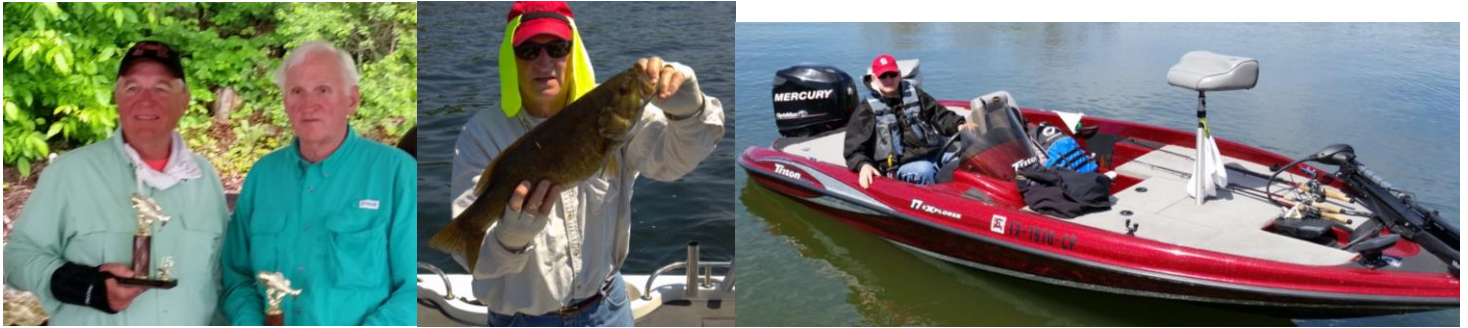
Jack is survived by his wife, Noelle Rowdon; daughter, Elizabeth H. Gray of New Orleans, LA; two brothers and two sisters, (Jack's twin brother) David Bert (Vickie) Gray of Windsor, VA, Lee (Patsy) Gray of Amite, LA, Terry Voight of Amite, LA, and Vera Catherine (Paul) Brennan of Kingston, NY; the entire Rowdon family; and numerous nieces and nephews; and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Ellen Davis; and nephew, Wade Gray. In keeping with Jack's wishes, there are to be no services. Interment will be in Door County, WI, at a later date. Please celebrate Jack's life in your own preferred way and remember him as he would want to be remembered- with a smile. McKneely Funeral Home of Amite, LA and Huehns Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Sturgeon Bay, WI assisted the family. Expressions of sympathy, memories, and photos of Jack may be shared with his family through his tribute page at [www.mckneelys.com](http://www.mckneelys.com).

(Please read Steve Smith's Tribute on the following page)



As you can see from the previous page, the Gray family, following Jack's long standing wishes, published a short obituary marking the death of their loved one and our friend. I will try not to violate Jack's wishes.



If you knew Jack only a short time, you could probably tell several good stories about him. If you knew him a long time you could not possibly remember all of the good stories he told you. He was a repository of good humor and amazing yarns all of which he delivered in a most engaging and sincere way. He held strong opinions about most everything, politics in particular, but most folks never walked away from a Jack Gray conversation unhappy. He had a way of conversing that we should all emulate.

Aside from his family, Jack's two loves were fishing and his law practice. He fervently worked to treat both with all the strength he could muster. Over the years, I have met several of his clients and all were effusive about Jack's work ethic and his kind regard for their particular legal situation. I only met Jack accidentally, more than 10 years ago, at the marina where else? He was on vacation, up from Texas with his wife, Noelle and her brother Scott. For Jack, there were only three components to a vacation: fishing, dining, and a little sleep. He and his brother-in-law had fished all day without catching much and he simply asked me if I could help them out with a few suggestions. I gave them a few local lures, pointed them to a particular shoreline and said perhaps they would do better tomorrow. "Tomorrow", he said, "we are going back out there right now!" It was already 4 PM or so. I did see Jack and Scott the next day and they were both smiling from ear to ear. Jack said something like, "You are a friend for life, we crushed them!" He was not kidding. From that point on, Jack and I fished two or three times each week, sometimes more. I taught him a little but in truth Jack was a much more gifted fisherman than I will ever be. Soon, he was catching more local fish than I was and it was the happy day when I could match his productivity, and the even fewer days I could actually surpass his catch. We fished many a tournament together and did well in most...as Jack would say, "We showed those kids a thing or two and cashed a check." The thrill was not for the money and I never saw him happier. We used to have mock contests for money. First fish was worth \$10,000. The biggest fish \$25,000 and largest five total \$100,000. I think I owe Jack several million. Often, we would fish all morning and call it quits for lunch. In the afternoon, Jack would go out by himself. Dedication was his fishing credo. Same for his law practice. He was an early riser and most of his work was done before 9 AM making room for fishing. Jack semi-retired soon after buying a home in Egg Harbor, but he continued to serve his favored clients with fervor. To his larger clients, he was "family." I know for certain he did a tremendous amount of "Pro Bono" work in Door County. If he liked you and was moved by your situation the free advice was quick to flow.

Jack was an ardent supporter of the new marina project. He put his own time and a large sum of money into both the failed first effort and the successful second effort to encourage the board to approve and the voters to ratify the project. Absent Jack's efforts and those of less than a dozen other "ad hoc supporters' committee" we would not have the marina we so admire today. Never a big boat owner, and not comfortable with sailboats since he took the helm on a windy day when I needed some help (Jack was not happy when I told him to "fall off"). Jack spent more time at the marina than most anyone in the entire Village. If he was not out on his beloved Frontier Bay Boat fishing he was on the dock fishing and talking up Egg Harbor and the marina with anyone who would stop to chat. He was an instructor and judge of all the kids fishing contests we ever had at the new marina and was often an advocate for the marina both at the monthly Harbor Committee meetings and at the Village Board meetings. If there were ever a dedicated ambassador for our wonderful village and marina, it was Jack K. Gray.

Things you may not know about my friend Jack: He has a surviving twin R. He had a successful career in banking and finance before he went to law school at the age of 45. He loved Cosmos despite taking a lot of ribbing from his "manly" friends including myself. He knew and fished with many a professional bass fisherman when he was a young man... several are still seen regularly on television. . . He cherished an early morning breakfast at McDonald's. He was a big fan of Rodrigue the Louisiana artist who created the famous "Blue Dog" series of paintings. He claimed he bought his home because it was convenient to Main Street Market.

Jack often said to me "This", meaning Green Bay, the waters, the islands, the escarpment, the trees, and particularly the fishing, "must be like heaven." I like to think of Jack sitting in a boat in beautiful Green Bay admiring the scenery and catching a prize Smallmouth bass on every single cast. STEVE SMITH

## Marina Report - June 2017 – BILL FREYMAN

An Update. The season is underway.

In the last issue, I wrote about the current state of the marina and the Harbor Committee, which oversees its operation. I mentioned that there were a number of changes in store for the marina and that we'd begin to see them in place this season. Let's review a couple of them.

First, SG Marine has grown and is now known as F/3 Marina. Along with that, the individual who oversees our local management team has changed. The new Vice-President for marinas is Alain Giudice, and his background is impressive. According to information I have from F/3 Marina, he has over 25-year experience in both the marina and hospitality industry and has worked to develop and manage marinas across the globe. He began his career as a first officer on 108 foot sailing yacht and then went on to manage several marinas including Puerto Del Rey Marina and El Conquistador Resort and Country Club marina in Puerto Rico and then in Florida, the Boca Raton Resort and Club Marina. He later spent 5 years as the Director of Marina Operations at the Atlantis Resort Paradise Island in Nassau. It seems our little marina in Egg Harbor will be in good company.

Alain worked as Operations Director for Camper & Nicholsons Marinas International Ltd and his work for them took him to China, Grenada, Turkey, Egypt and the UAE. The company developed, consulted and set up operations for marinas in all of these locations. He also worked in the design, development, and management of the Faro Blanco Resort and Yacht Club in Marathon Key, Florida.

Alain is no stranger to boat shows and races either. He has been part of the management and hosting of numerous events including the Columbus Regatta and the Central American Games Sailing competition, the annual Rolex Middle Sea Race in Malta, and the International Super Boat Race in Marathon, Florida. His hard work has been recognized, too. The Faro Blanco Marina in Marathon, Florida was voted best marina in 2015-2016 and the 2016 ValvTec marina of the year. The Robb Report rated his management of the marina at Atlantis Resort in Nassau, Bahamas number 1 in the world in 1999 and then in the top ten for the next four consecutive years.

Alain visited Egg Harbor early this spring and met with the Harbor Committee. He appreciates our marina and understands the goals of the village and committee for the facility. We look forward to seeing him here again soon.

Second, you have noticed no doubt, the efforts we're making to do a better job at controlling both the parking issue at busy times and fishing within the marina. I won't review the changes here, as they were adequately described in the welcome packet for marina residents. I only want to mention that our efforts are constantly under review. If the new ideas work to improve life at the marina, we'll be satisfied. If they don't work as planned, we're open to tweaking them for next season. If you have ideas or comments about them, please let the committee know. Remember that Bob Dunworth, Karl Klug, and I all sit on the committee. That's 3 EHYC members on a 5-person committee. We're well represented, so pass your ideas along.

Third, I can report that the Harbor Committee and F/3 have cleaned up previous bookkeeping and wait list issues and we're now satisfied that our data is clean and accurate. Obviously this will contribute to the efficient operation of the marina and help it fulfill the expectations village property owners had for the facility. The reservation system is working well and we've modified policy to require longer stays on busy holidays like the Fourth of July where visitors must reserve for three nights. We have also completed updating the pump-out station and hope clogging will cease to be an issue. Upgrading the restrooms is still on the agenda. We know we need to improve the shower areas in particular.

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## MARINA REPORT CONTINUED

Fourth, we are upgrading the wireless system across the marina in order to provide more reliable and robust signaling. The fact is that the world is moving away from cabled systems for entertainment to streaming services. Our lightly used cable TV system in the marina has been problematic and we've decided to move from it to streaming. We are considering two wireless networks. One would be password-protected for marina tenants' use. The other would be public for general use as the system is currently. As for now, the upgraded system is faster with more bandwidth than last year.

Finally, the staff is well aware that we don't offer luxurious amenities for our tenants and visitors like you might find in large marinas or private facilities. Consequently, they know that it is their performance that provides most of the value (aside from the best sailing grounds in the county) for those of us who use and visit the marina. Their efforts to keep the place clean and orderly, their work on the docks to assist boaters, their work to "manage" visitors, and their interactions personally with all of us is critical. Before the season began, the Harbor Committee discussed a variety of performance issues with F/3 and we will be monitoring performance as the season develops. You can help with this. If you find performance lacking in some way or see a manner in which performance of the staff can be improved, please mention it. At the same time, when you notice things they have done well, let us know, too.

Hearing from boaters helps. In May, Sarah and I were invited aboard a visiting boat on the day we launched "Sarah". The day was cool and we obviously looked like we could use some warm coffee. The visitors remarked to us that they were impressed with the marina and especially the staff during their stay. They had run up from Sheboygan and were stuck here due to the weather. As cruisers they had experience in a variety of places, so I took their comments as good news. On the other hand, I've heard that it would be nice if available staff met boats as they came in even if the skippers don't call for assistance. That level of service should be something to which we aspire. Comments like these provide guidance for our discussions at the Harbor Committee. Simply put, your feedback is essential.

So enjoy the boating season and know that the Harbor Committee and the marina staff want to live up to expectations and assure that the Egg Harbor Marina is the best in Wisconsin.



## EGG HARBOR YACHT CLUB 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTIONS

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### OFFICERS – Terms expire 2019

Ken Ulrich – Commodore, Jim Rapp – Vice Commodore, Pam Plamann – Secretary, Karl Klug - Treasurer



*Fun at the Boat House at Gordon Lodge - 6/4/17*



What a beautiful day for our FIRST 'Nautical Themed' SATURDAY GATHERING of the summer



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Susan & Carl Becker  
Mindy & Bo Ellis  
Beth & Bob Faucet  
Elizabeth & Michael Maves  
Carol Van Der Perren & Don Pamperin  
Lynn & Sandi Rowe



## BURGEES



The club has burgees available. They can be purchased through Karl Klug, treasurer or at the marina office. The cost is \$20